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TO DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY, HYDROGRAPHIC CENTER

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FOLLOWING REPEAT GEORGETOWN 1106 SENT ACTION SECSTATE, USDOC
DATED APR 12:

QUOTE UNCLAS GEORGETOWN 1106

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, GY

SUBJECT: NOTICE TO MARINERS

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GUYANA DURING THE PAST TEN DAYS HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING SERIOUS ELECTRICAL SHORTAGES DUE TO MAL-FUNCTIONING ELECTRICAL POWER STATIONS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF GEORGETOWN AND ITS PORT. AS A RESULT OF THE SHORTAGE OF ELECTRICITY THE GEORGETOWN LIGHTHOUSE BEACON HAS ONLY PROVIDED INTERMITTENT SERVICE, THEREBY MAKING ANY ENTRANCE INTO THE PORT OF GEORGEOWN HAZARDOUS DURING AFTERDARK HOURS.

2. EMBOFF CONSULTED WITH THE PORT HARBORMASTER TODAY (APR 11) ABOUT SITUATION. HARBORMASTER INFORMED EMBOFF THAT GOG HAS NOT SENT OUT A NOTICE TO MARINERS SINCE BEACON HAS BEEN OPERABLE AT TIMES AND VESSELS MAKING
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REGULAR RUNS INTO THE DEMERARA RIVER AFTER DARK ALWAYS WAIT UNTIL PILOT IS ABOARD BEFORE PROCEEDING INTO THE PORT OR FURTHER UP THE RIVER.

3. HARBORMASTER DID ADMIT PRESENT SITUATION COULD BE HAZARDOUS TO THOSE VESSELS ARRIVING OFF GEORGETOWN AFTER DARK WHO HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE AN UNSCHEDULED

OR EMERGENCY STOP IN GUYANA BECAUSE OF CREW INJURY OR
ILLNESS AND NEED OF REPAIRS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT AND USDOC MAY WISH
TO NOTIFY APPROPRIATE MARITIME AGENCIES OF PRESENT
CONDITIONS. BURKE
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